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advance make your remittance  
at once. The week-  
ly Ledger is \$1 per year,  
always in advance.

**THE GUNNING season** in Maine  
has scarcely opened and there are nine  
hundred killed already. It is clear  
that it is going to be a great season  
for game.

**NAT GOODWIN**, the well known  
actor, has just married Edna Good-  
rich. As this is his fourth mar-  
riage and he has a record of three  
divorces it must be admitted that not  
all women are cowards.

**SENATOR WILLIAM J. STONE**  
defeated Governor Folk for the Demo-  
cratic senatorial nomination by 14,  
362. Stone received 159,512 and  
Folk 144,710. Outside of St. Louis  
and Kansas City, Governor Folk de-  
feated Senator Stone by over 10,000  
votes.

**W. W. POLLOCK**, of Mexico, was  
elected president of group six of the  
Missouri Bankers Association at this  
week. Mr. Pollock is one of Mis-  
souri's most prominent and successful  
financiers, and this honor is well  
conferred.

**THE PROSPECT** for the electric rail-  
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**THE WOMEN** of Colorado have  
succeeded in re-electing Judge Lind-  
bergh, famous throughout the coun-  
try for his juvenile court work. With  
all the beneficial results that are ap-  
parent from women vote the inter-  
ests of the country are still  
strong enough to keep women out of  
politics.

**THE LABOR** question in Mexico is  
not at all satisfactory. The house-  
wives have a hard time secur-  
ing help; while the factories are an-  
noyed by indifferent labor. There  
are quite a number of people in Mex-  
ico who are willing and anxious to work,  
and who expect to live without do-  
ing anything themselves and don't  
like to see anybody else work.

**FIVE YEARS** ago the sales of au-  
tomobiles amounted to \$5,000,000 an-  
nually. For the past year they  
have reached the sum of \$100,000,000,  
all of which shows how increasingly en-  
terprising people are to borrow trouble.

**NOW THAT** the campaign, the con-  
sideration, the voting, the con-  
sideration, and the shooting are all  
over it must give Mr. Taft a bad  
case of indigestion from those promises about  
his revision.

**W. R. CURRY**, a prominent citizen  
of Kansas City, Mo., while in Mexico  
on business this week informs the  
Ledger that the central heating plant  
at the Hotel de la Ciudad is a failure  
and that the city is giving splendid satis-  
faction in the matter. The central heating  
plant is being heated in that manner,  
and more customers are taking heat  
from the plant as rapidly as con-  
ditions can be made. The price is  
satisfactory and the results are ap-  
parent. We are glad to know that the  
operation of a central heating plant is  
being carried out in Mexico and we  
trust that another winter one will be  
successful.

**REFERRING** to the proposed elec-  
tric railroad, the Fulton Post says:  
"Interest in the electric railroad from  
Mexico to Columbia and Fulton  
is being thoroughly aroused along  
the proposed route and it is imper-

**COLLEGE GIRLS**  
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**THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION**  
Law and Plenty Have Reigned For  
a Twelfth Month Throughout Mis-  
souri. So Refrain From Usual  
Avocations, Governor Requests.

Jefferson City, Mo., Nov. 17.—  
Governor Folk issued his Thanksgiv-  
ing proclamation to-day. It follows:  
Years ago the American people  
established the custom of setting one  
day apart in each year as a special  
festival day of praise and Thanksgiv-  
ing to the Supreme Ruler of the Uni-  
verse, whose sovereignty they ac-  
nowledge.

During the past twelve months  
Missouri has been free from strikes  
and epidemics and famines; the night  
riders that have terrorized sister States  
have not attempted operations here;  
peace, quiet and good order have pre-  
vailed; lawlessness has been sup-  
pressed, and there is a reign of law  
in every part of the Commonwealth.

The fields have given forth an abun-  
dant harvest; the mines yield richly  
of precious metals; our cities have  
grown in magnificence; the State has  
increased in population and wealth as  
never before.

Therefore, the President of the  
United States, having designated  
Thursday, Nov. 26, 1908, as a day  
of Thanksgiving, I, Joseph W. Folk,  
governor of the state of Missouri, do  
hereby appoint that day as Thanksgiv-  
ing Day and recommend that it be  
observed as such throughout the  
Commonwealth. The men, women  
and children of Missouri, of every  
class and creed, are re-  
quested to refrain from their usual  
avocations on this day and uniting  
in a sincere devotion to religious faith  
with the broadest tolerance assemble  
in their accustomed places of wor-  
ship or around their own fireplaces  
and give grateful acknowledgment  
to the God of our hearts, of our  
Nation and our State for all that we  
are and hope to be.

In testimony whereof I have here-  
unto set my hand and caused to be  
affixed the great seal of the State  
of Missouri, done at the City of Jef-  
ferson, this November 14, 1908.

**JOSEPH W. FOLK.**  
By the Governor, John E. Swanger,  
Secretary of State.

**Said the Wise**  
**Old Owl on**  
**Reuben Dill's Cap.**

The Owl would be tickled if some  
kind friend would send him a big fat  
goose to be used at a Thanksgiving  
feast. Where is Gene Dabbe?

Gov. Folk has named Nov. 26 as  
Thanksgiving. We should thank the Lord  
that we are living.

Christmas comes this year on Dec.  
25th. This will be news to many Re-  
publicans and Democrats.

That was a splendid picture of Car-  
ter Johnson in Monday's Ledger.  
Would that Mexico had more Carter  
Johnsons and Reuben Dills. The  
Ledger would print the picture of  
Reuben Dill but it might break the  
power press.

Captain Smith, west of town, out  
dressed a bee last week. Besides  
procuring a large quantity of nice  
honey, he captured a large coon and a  
fat possum in the same tree—the  
coon's nest in the top of the tree and  
the possum's nest below.

Frank Peck, who is in Texas, sends  
his regards, Walter, a large Demo-  
cratic lioness from that State. The  
lioness is a whopper and is of the Billie  
Bryan variety.

Here's the Owl's glad hand to Wil-  
liam J. Dill and his charming and am-  
iable bride. May they live long and  
prosper. They are now in the east,  
at Coney Island, spending their honey-  
moon. The happy couple will be at  
home after Dec. 1st, at their resi-  
dence in South Mexico.

Billie Kemper, Jr., and Gene Nall  
were the guests at the Owl Roast  
Sunday. Gene has the contract to fur-  
nish Jay Bennett back logs for a month.  
Gene is there with the goods.

The Ledger's Linotype machine has  
arrived and in the course of a week  
there'll be something doing. Some of  
the Mexico printer will enter the  
Printer's Home on Possum Walk, and  
a few will take to the mountains.

Many of the Owl's friends tell us  
if Dave Ball had been nominated he  
would have been elected governor at  
the landslide Nov. 3rd. Oh, we don't  
know about that.

**New Suits Filed**  
Weber Implement Co. vs. H. H.  
Sturgeon, Replevin.  
M. L. Hattestadt vs. F. A. Mudd  
et al, Attachment.  
W. B. Curry vs. A. M. LaFon, Suit  
on Note.  
John T. Mabry vs. J. W. Smith,  
Damages.  
Thos. J. Irvine vs. The Wabash R.  
Co., Damages.  
Price Lanham vs. U. C. A. R. Co.,  
Damages.  
Montague/Compressed Air Co. vs.  
City of Fulton, Change of Venue.

Surveying Electric Line.  
Fulton (Mo.) Gazette.  
The engineers making the preli-  
minary survey of the Mexico and Col-  
umbia electric line reached Hereford  
Wednesday evening. The party is  
composed of six men and they started  
from Mexico about two weeks ago.  
Judge T. F. Murry, of St. Joseph's  
Stone neighborhood, was in Fulton  
Wednesday and reported that the  
farmers of his section are deeply in-  
terested in the project and that they  
are willingly paying their part for  
the survey. He expressed the opinion  
that the Co. would be able to sell  
\$15,000 worth of its bonds to the  
farmers along the route of the road.

**BANKERS CONVEN-  
TION CLOSED**  
W. W. POLLOCK, OF THIS CITY,  
ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF GROUP  
NO. 6 AND T. K. SHELLEY, OF  
WELLSVILLE, SECRETARY FOR  
THE COMING YEAR.

Local Bankers Prove Royal Enter-  
tainers and a Musical Program  
Rendered Wednesday Evening  
at the Elks Hall, a Night Close to  
the Day's Finances.

The entertainment at the Elks  
Hall Wednesday evening was a sit-  
ting show to a most enjoyable day  
spent in Mexico by the Missouri State  
Bankers, Group No. 6, as guests  
of the local bankers. The pro-  
gramme for the day was full  
of interesting numbers, and addresses  
were made by Irvin V. Barish, of St.  
Louis on "The Law Protection of the  
Depositor" and Virgil M. Harris, of  
the Mercantile Trust Company of St.  
Louis, who spoke on the subject "Some  
Legal and other Points for Bankers."

W. W. Pollock, of this city, was  
elected President of Group six, for the  
coming year and T. K. Shelley, of  
Wellsville, Secretary.

The evening's programme was a  
musical one, and every one who par-  
ticipated in it to be complemented. Fol-  
lowing the musical numbers, dancing  
and other amusements were indulged  
in refreshments being served in the  
main hall.

The following was the programme  
for the evening:  
Orchestra  
"Annie Laurie" (Buck)—Madames  
Gibbs, Locke, Jessie, Nelson.  
Violin Solo, Selected, Mrs. J. E.  
Jesse.  
M. M. A. Quartette, Selected, Messrs.  
W. L. Vick, H. E. Vick, J. U. Snyder,  
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Orchestra  
"Goodbye" (Tutti)—Miss Eliza  
Gibbs.  
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Accompanied—Miss Carleton Fon-  
ville.

Mrs. Sarah Langdon  
Dies Thursday Morning  
Mrs. Sarah Langdon died at the  
home of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur  
Schald, Thursday morning, about 10  
o'clock. She was 73 years of age.  
The deceased was born at  
Jackson, Mo., May 1, 1835, making her  
73 years. She has been in poor  
health for the past year, having suf-  
fered a stroke of paralysis, from which  
time her health has been failing.

She is survived by four children,  
three sons and one daughter. They  
are W. H. Langdon, of Jonesburg,  
Texas, C. H. Langdon, of Cottonplant,  
Mo., and H. A. Langdon, of Cornville,  
Mo., and Mrs. Arthur Schald, of this  
city. He was Mrs. Langdon's  
a loving and devoted mother and a  
kind friend has gone to her reward.

The funeral was held from the  
home of Mrs. Schald, on East Monroe  
street at 1 o'clock, Friday afternoon.  
The services were conducted by the  
Reverend Mr. Campbell, of Kansas  
City, who is now preaching at the  
meeting at the Methodist church in  
this city. He was Mrs. Langdon's  
pastor when she resided at Macon.  
The remains will be taken to Cotton-  
plant, Mo., for burial.

The pall bearers were J. W. Hud-  
son, J. M. Hudson, J. W. Mason, A. S.  
Houston, Dr. W. R. Rodes and Dr.  
Macfarlane.

The Ledger joins other friends in  
extending sympathy to the bereaved  
ones.

**Former Mexico Man Marries**  
In Chicago  
Jay Gill, formerly of this city and  
the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas  
Gill, was married in Chicago, Sunday  
to Miss Scott. They will reside in  
St. Louis. The Ledger joins Mr. Gill's  
many friends in this city in wishing  
much happiness and joy.

Ralph Henderson entertained a crowd  
of young folks with an informal dance  
at the Montezuma Club rooms Thurs-  
day evening.

**THE LEDGER COVERS THE FIELD**  
Women Who Wear Well.  
It is astonishing how great a change  
a few years of married life often make  
in the appearance and disposition of many  
women. The freshness, the bloom, the  
brilliance vanish like the bloom from a  
peach which is rudely handled. The  
matron is only a dim shadow, a faint echo  
of the charming maiden. There are two  
reasons for this change, ignorance and  
neglect. Few young women appreciate  
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**NEW BOTTLING WORKS**  
**TO BE INSTALLED HERE.**  
New Enterprise to be Operated by  
The Artic Ice Company in Con-  
junction with their Plant—Will  
Open for Business Early Next  
Spring.

A first class and an up-to-date bot-  
tling plant will be opened next spring  
by the Artic Ice and Storage Com-  
pany. The new plant will be oper-  
ated in conjunction with the manu-  
facturing of ice and will be oper-  
ated in the basement of the company's  
plant.

Soda, Seltzer and ginger ale will be  
manufactured by the company, and  
mineral water and all kinds of soft  
drinks will be handled. An experi-  
enced workman will be employed to  
manage the plant and a business on a  
large scale will be done by the com-  
pany.

John X. Brown, one of Audrain's  
prominent stock feeders, has pur-  
chased from Mr. Faulkner, of Mar-  
ion county, 50 head of 930-lb. cattle at  
\$3.75 per hundred. Mr. Brown will  
feed these cattle through the winter  
and prepare them for the spring mar-  
ket.

James Garrett, Jr., formerly of  
Mexico, is now located in the drug  
business at Taylor & Olive street, St.  
Louis, Mo. His many friends wish  
him much success.

**PAINTER'S LEAD MAINTAINED**  
**BY OFFICIAL COUNT**  
The Republic's Figures Agree With  
Statistics Compiled by Secretary  
of State—Plurality of Hadley,  
Only Successful Republican Can-  
didate, Is Increased to 47,363.  
Footings Not Given Out Officially.

According to the best estimates of  
the candidates themselves and a num-  
ber of persons who kept the official  
tally from start to finish, the winners  
are in the lead at the close by the fol-  
lowing pluralities, as one leading to a  
majority:

Governor—Herbert S. Hadley (Rep.),  
17,935.  
Lieutenant-Governor—William R.  
Palmer (Dem.), 77.  
Secretary of State—Cornelius Roach  
(Dem.), 637.  
Auditor—John P. Gordon (Dem.),  
2,760.  
Treasurer—James Cowgill (Dem.),  
3,690.

Attorney General—Elliott W. Major  
(Dem.), 1,655.  
Railroad and Warehouse Commis-  
sioner—John A. Knott (Dem.), 1,967.  
Judge of the Supreme Court—W.  
M. Graves (Dem.), 3,097.

The total vote cast for Governor is  
the highest ever polled in the State,  
it being 121,750. This is an increase  
over four years ago of 68,890. Previous  
to the present vote, the greatest num-  
ber of ballots ever cast in Missouri  
was in 1900, when the total reached  
68,856. Large as the vote of this year  
is, it is still undoubtedly short  
many thousands on the basis of  
population and natural growth.

Contrary to expectations, the foot-  
ings show that two of the eight  
amendments to the Constitution sub-  
mitted were carried. These are  
Amendment No. 2, making provisions  
for an optional levy of 35 cents on the  
\$100 valuation for road and bridge im-  
provement purposes, and the initiative  
and referendum, known as Amend-  
ment No. 3. All the others were  
pretty badly defeated.

The story of the amendments can  
be told briefly. No. 1, fixing the  
salary of members of the Legislature  
at \$750 a year, was defeated by 59,208  
majority, the vote standing: Yes, 147,  
507; no, 171,106.

No. 2, already referred to, received  
a majority of 19,720, the vote stand-  
ing: Yes, 169,920; no, 160,172.

No. 3, the initiative and referen-  
dum, was adopted by a majority of  
24,932, the vote being divided: Yes  
178,256; no, 143,324.

No. 4, adding two judges to the Su-  
preme Court, was lost by 29,346  
against it. Yes 141,443; no, 170,889.

No. 5, separating the State and local  
taxes came out 40,074 behind the  
vote being: Yes 133,742; no, 173,815.

No. 6, empowering cities to issue  
bonds for purchasing waterworks, lost  
by 33,023 votes. The vote: Yes 126,423;  
no, 160,046.

No. 7, imposing a 10-cent tax on the  
\$100 for road improvement purposes,  
was lost by 24,444 votes. The vote  
standing: Yes, 143,216; no, 167,660.

No. 8, empowering St. Louis, Kan-  
sas City and St. Joseph to own sub-  
ways, was defeated by 31,983 votes.  
The votes: Yes, 126,774; no, 158,757.

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SUCCESS IN ITS CULTIVATION—  
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THE DISCARD BESIDE ITS MAR-  
VELOUS COMPOSITION.

Bloomington, Ill., Nov. 17.—A  
year ago H. J. Sconce and Taylor  
Garthright, Vermilion county, pur-  
chased a quantity of seed corn in In-  
diana. In the shipment was a freak  
ear, which, instead of the ordinary  
cob was composed of a core of husk  
grains being neatly wrapped upon  
the soft foundation, like peas in a  
pod.

Mr. Sconce was impressed with the  
novelty of the find and decided to  
plant all the kernels found on the  
freak ear. To his